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1818. *Nov.* 6. (DuPonceau ; Brown, Nulty, Walsh, N. Biddle, Chapman, Ingersoll, Colhoun, Say, Vaughan, Dr. Patterson.)

Donations: Library—from N. Potter, and Jas. Webster.

1818. *Nov.* 20. (No quorum.)

1818. *Dec.* 4. (Tilghman ; Say, Hall, Ord, Otto, and 10 others.)

Donations: Library—Dr. Mott, and Dr. Hosack, of New York.

“A steering apparatus for the Air Balloon,” by M. Colius de Ham, was referred to Patterson, Patterson and Nulty.

1818. *Dec.* 18. (Duponceau ; Say, Lesueur, Nulty, and 8 others.)

Donations: Library—from M. Carey.

No applications for the Magellanic Premium.

Auditing Committee: Patterson and DuPonceau.

1819. *Jan'y* 1. (Duponceau ; and 19 others.)

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

*President*—Robert Patterson.

*Vice-Presidents*—W. Tilghman, P. S. Duponceau, Z. Collins.

*Secretaries*—T. C. James, R. M. Patterson, W. P. C. Barton, R. Walsh.

*Councillors*—Rawle, Binney, Sergeant, J. Quincy Adams, Jr.

*Curators*—Jos. Cloud, T. T. Hewson, Reu. Haines.

*Treasurer*—J. Vaughan.

1819. *Jan'y* 15. (Patterson ; and 16 others.)

Donations: Library—from Breck, Adelung, Luke, Munsell, Vaughan, Delaplaine, Pickering, Ewington, and the Russian Academy.

Librarian elected: J. Vaughan.

Election of six new members: J. Murray, of Edinburgh; L. M. Langley; Roberts Vaux; L. H. Girardin; H. M. D. De Blainville; and Dr. John Eberle.

1819. *Feb'y* 5. (Tilghman; Patterson, Biddle, Sansom, Collins, Haines, Gilpin, Rawle, Duponceau, Vaux, Nulty, Vaughan, Walsh, Lesueur, Ord, Beasley, Patterson, Eberle, Barton, Hewson, 20.)

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Donations from R. M. William, Moses Thomas, and the American Academy, Boston, a letter from which was referred to Collins, Humphreys and Dr. Barton.

1819. *Feb'y* 19. (Duponceau; Patterson, Vaughan, Short, Haines, Vaux, Say, Patterson, Hewson, Brown, Eberle, Meade, Lesueur, Colhoun, Barton, Hall.)

Donation: Library—from M. Carey and R. Walsh.

Donations: Cabinet—from Jos. Sansom.

1819. *March* 5. (Collins; Patterson, Walsh, Vaux, Vaughan, Collin, Eberle, Say, Hall, Haines, Lesueur, Meade, Ord, Duponceau.)

Donations: Library—from Baldwin, Collins, R. Patterson, and A. del Rio.

Committee "to consider the state of the Library and catalogue of its books, and to make alterations" . . . if necessary: Vaughan, Walsh, Vaux.

1819. *March* 19. (Patterson; Otto, and 12 others.)

Committee on Library to report in May.

Donations: Library—from Ez. Sanford, T. Say, Pisa Academy, and Josh. and T. Gilpin ("specimen of their endless paper").

Memoir "On the form of the earth," with a letter from John Cleves Symmes, requesting its deposit in the Library.

Exploration: Letter from the Secretary of War, United States, requesting suggestions for a party sent out beyond the Mississippi. Committee: Walsh, Duponceau, Cooper, Dr. Patterson, Brown.

Historical Committee authorized to dispose of their own Transactions, "keeping, however, always in view the best interests of the Society at large."

Jos. and T. Gilpin exhibited printing on endless paper, "at the time of its manufacture, by a cylindrical water-press, and with a degree of rapidity never before equalled."

1819. *April 2.* (Duponceau; and 13 others.)

Exploration Committee reported sending suggestions to Washington. A copy was ordered to be preserved in the Library.

Portrait of Washington, loaned to Mr. Binns for an engraving for the Declaration of Independence. Committee: Vaughan and R. Patterson.

Dr. Beasley's paper on Lord Bacon's Philosophy reported withdrawn by the author.

Librarian to enjoin Committees to report in May.

1819. *April 16.* (Collins; Corr  a, Ingersoll, N. Biddle, and 14 others.)

Donations from Duponceau, Michaux, Macknab, B. C. Wilcocks, Dr. Gorham, Rob. De Silver, London Royal Society and Batavian Literary Society.

Letters from the Manchester L. S. and Sec. Leg., Netherlands.

"On 2 new species of *Cyperus* &c.," by W. Baldwin, M.D., was referred to Corr  a, Collins and Haines.

"On an improvement in Surveying," by Jas. Austin, was referred to Patterson and Patterson.

Letter of acknowledgment from the United States War Department.

Dr. Currie's paper; Committee discharged.

Mr. Lambert's paper; Committee discharged.

Gordon's paper; Committee discharged.

Journals of Priestley, Cooper and Hazard, ordered to be deposited with the Meteorological papers, as recommended by the Committee.

Curtius' Meteorological Observations; Committee discharged.

Election of three new members: Mr. Tillesius, Count Languinais, Stephen Elliot, of South Carolina.

1819. *May* 7. (Patterson; Walsh, Izard, Collin, Eberle, Lesueur, Hall, Cooper, Brown, Collins, Corr  a, Cutbush, Ord, Duponceau, Vaux, Vaughan, Dr. Barton, Hare, Hewson, Nulty, Colhoun, Dr. Patterson, Haines, Cloud.)

Committee on Library: Report returned with instructions to report plan and expense of cataloguing. Duponceau added.

Barnwell's paper on the climate of New Orleans (*May* 22, 1817), ordered to be deposited in the Archives of the Historical Committee, as recommended by Committee report.

Donations from Miller, Desmarest, Michaux, Warden; A. N. S., Phil.; Phil. Agr. S.; Chev. de Onis.

Perkins' instrument for determining the compressibility of water; referred to Patterson, Hare and Nulty, "to witness his experiments with it."

"On the Prussic acid," a Committee from Duvigneau & Parent of Paris; referred to Dr. Patterson, Cooper and Hewson.

"The Lithographic Stone belonging to the Cabinet of the Society was loaned to Dr. Brown and Mr. Otis for . . . experiments in the art of Lithographic Engraving."

Chaptal's *L'Industrie Fran  oise* was lent to Dr. T. Cooper, "with a desire that he would report thereon."

1819. *May* 21. (Collins; and 19 others.)

Donation from Francis Da Costa.

Commentarii A. S. I., Petropol., 1728–1750, 14 Vols., and Novi Com., 1750–1771, 17 Vols., bought by Mr. Vaughan, of Mr. Garnet, of Brunswick, accepted at cost by the Society.

A meteorological communication referred to Dr. Patterson, Corr  a and Haines.

1819. *June* 18. (Cooper; Eberl  , Vaux, Hembel, Corr  a, Lesueur, and 7 others.)

Committee on Perkins' machine reported progress.

Magellanic Premium: Propositions reported from the Board of Officers "for bestowing or dispensing" it, were accepted and ordered to be printed.

Donations for the Library from De Silver, M. Thomas, P. H. Nicklin, Jac. Sperry, Jas. Webster.

For the Cabinet: An Artificial Horizon (Trans. Vol. I, N. S., p. 325), suggested by R. Patterson; and Hydrostatic Steel yard invented by Dr. Coates; by J. Vaughan.

Election of four new members: Jacob Perkins, of Philadelphia; A. S. Desmarest, H. M. Ducrotay de Blainville,\* and P. A. Latreille, all of Paris.

1819. *July* 16. (Patterson; Du Ponceau, Patterson, Ord, Lesueur, Brown, Barton, Vaughan.)

Circular relative to the Magellanic Premium reported in press. [A copy of it is pasted into the minute book here.]

Duties levied by the New York Custom House officers on books for the Society, were reported by Mr. Duponceau, together with his remonstrance sent to Washington.

Jacob Perkins' letter, describing his experiments at sea, was referred to the Committee.

\* Blainville seems to have been elected twice, viz.: Jan. 15, 1818, and June 18, 1819.

1819. *Aug.* 20. (Collins ; Patterson, Meredith, T. Gilpin, Lesueur, Colhoun, Barton, Eberlé, Cooper, Du Ponceau, Ord, Vaughan.)

Donations from Adelung, Major Lorch, Capt. James, Biddle, Chazotte, Vaughan, and Turin A. S.

“On the Moon’s Parallax & Lat. & Long.,” by Mr. Lambert, was referred to Patterson and Dr. Patterson.

“On a Hydraulic Reflecting Telescope,” by Mr. Busby, was referred to T. Gilpin, Patterson and Vaughan.

“On the N. Amer. Insects,” by T. Say ; referred to Collins, Lesueur and Collin.

Memorial to Congress for exemption from Duties on Books, &c., for the Society, drawn up by Duponceau, was read and referred to himself, Patterson and Vaughan, with power to act.

Coöperation of the Society with the City Corporation in deciding upon claims for premiums established by a recent Will,\* was proposed by Mr. Meredith and referred to him, Dr. Patterson and Mr. Vaughan, with power to act.

1819. *Sept.* 17. (Patterson ; Du Ponceau, Corréa, Cooper, Eberlé, Hall, Mease, Vaughan.)

Donation of Medicines from S. Amer. made by F. Schmidt ; (A.), Cepo de Chumbo, a parasitical plant, strongly recommended in Brazil for pulmonary complaints ; (B.), Resina de Catalas, an excellent purgative. Referred for trial to Chapman and Physick.

Donations, from Asiatic Society ; Bath and W. E. S. ; M. Carey & Son ; Williams ; W. Jones, of Calcutta ; also Prof. Schroder’s (Upsal) dissertation to prove that America was peopled from Scandinavia.

“On the dry rot of timber:” Mr. Williams repeated his letter of inquiry of Sept. 1818.

“An exact result of the Moon’s Parallax ;” and “Errors

\*The John Scott legacy, which is now supervised by the Franklin Institute.

in the *Naut. Almanac*," in letters from Lambert; referred to Patterson, Dr. Patterson and Nulty.

Specimens of improved Canvas, with a letter from Josiah Chapman of Bristol, Pa., claiming a premium, was referred to the Board of Officers.

1819. *Oct.* 1. (DuPonceau; and 12 others.)

Donations of books from twelve sources.

Hassler's request to be permitted to send a communication under certain conditions, was granted, subject to reconsideration on its reading; the President to correspond with Mr. Hassler.

Loan of a copy of the *Vocabula*, &c., to Prof. Vater, per Mr. Duponceau, authorized.

1819. *Oct.* 15. (DuPonceau; James, Eberle, Chapman, Colhoun, Cooper, Dr. Patterson, Hewson, Barton, Hembell, Meredith, Walsh, Lesueur, Vaux, Corr  a, Pollok, T. Gilpin, Vaughan.)

Donations from Von Hammer, Michaux, &c.

Election of six new members: Alex. Brongniart [*sic*]; Redmond Conyngham; Rev. F. C. Schaeffer (New York); Dr. W. P. Dewees; Dr. W. E. Horner; and Dr. J. A. Albers, of Bremen.

1819. *Nov.* 5. (DuPonceau; Dewees, Horner, and 11 others.)

Donations from Upsal, Paris, Hague, &c.

Perkins' Experiments with the Pyometer and Bathometer, "during his late passage to London;" referred to Dr. Patterson, Hare, Nulty.

1819. *Nov.* 19. (Collins; DuPonceau, Collin, Vaughan, Nulty, Eberle, N. Biddle, Hall, Dr. Patterson.)

Donations from the Hort. S., London, and Jno. Binns.



“On the first government established by William Penn, in Pa.,” in a letter from T. Matlack, was read.

“A worm very destructive to the apple tree,” was verbally described by Dr. Collin.\*

Legendre’s Int. Calc., 7 Vols., 4°, ordered bought for \$21.50.

1819. *Dec.* 3. (Patterson; Dewees, Horner, J. Gilpin, C. J. Ingersoll, and 16 others.)

Say’s paper reported to be a sequel to his published paper, and worthy of publication in the next volume. Report accepted.

Donations: Library—from Tracy, Vaughan and Schaeffer.

A new Instrument for describing Ellipses (with drawings) offered for the Magellanic Premium was referred to the Board of Officers.

Custom House obstructions to literature and science were described in Mr. Schaeffer’s letter from New York to Mr. DuPonceau. Referred to the Committee of August 20th, 1819.

The attention paid in Europe to American Literature, was the subject of another letter from Mr. Schaeffer to Mr. DuPonceau.

On the Calorimotor (a peculiar Voltaic apparatus), in a letter from Prof. Jac. Green, of Princeton, to Dr. Patterson, was read.

No applications for the Magellanic Premium reported from the Board of Officers.

1819. *Dec.* 17. (DuPonceau; Cooper, Hembel, Haines, Vaux, Mease, Dewees, Lesueur, Collins, Meade, Vaughan, Dr. Patterson, Morgan.)

Donations from De Montargis, Poinsett, and J. D. Coxe; and a vase of Swedish Porphyry, from Major Lorick.

\* At the next meeting, Dec. 3, he exhibited the worm.